WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Athreya Committee report on telecom Restructuring

*85. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have examined the Athreya Committee Report on Telecom restructuring; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon, particularly on the winding up of the MTNL set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Athreya Committee Report on organisational structure for management of telecom services is under examination of the Government for taking appropriate decision on the various recommendations.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of C-DOT telephone exchanges

*86 SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the C-DOT Exchanges to be set up in the country during April, 1990 to March, 1991;

(b) the number of such exchanges which have started functioning; and

(c) whether there has been shortfall in the target and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a)	(i)	128p C-DOT RAX	1500
	(ii)	512P C-DOT	34
(b)	(i)	128P C-DOT RAX	- 1913
	(ii)	512P C-DOT	4

(c) (i) There was no shortfall in case of 128 Port C-DOT RAX.

(ii) The shortfall in the case of 512 Port was due to the fact that finalisation of design and know-how transfer took more time than anticipated. Regular supplies will commence in 1991-92.

[*English*]

Terrorists killed in Assam, J&K and Punjab

*87 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists killed, detained and arrested in various encounters in Assam, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab during the last six months

b) the quantity of arms and ammunitions recovered from them: and

(c) the details of steps taken to arrest the deteriorating law and order situation in those States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B CHAVAN): (a) and (b) In Assam, 18 terrorists have been killed and 12 arrested in various encounters upto the 30th June in the current year. Besides, 4419 suspected terrorists were also taken into custody during the said period. 18 arms and 111 pieces of ammunition of various types were recovered from the terrorists killed/arrested.

During the period upto the 30th June in the current year, a total of 972 terrorists were killed and 1121 arrested in Punjab. 1863 arms and 39,044 rounds of ammunition were recovered from them during the said period.

In J&K, 296 terrorists were killed and 1667 were arrested upto the 30th June in the current year. 2207 arms have been recovered during the said period.

(c) The Chief Minister, Assam has called upon the ULFA to give up arms and come to the negotiating table and has given some concessions to the ULFA detenus. Steps taken in Kashmir include identification of vulnerable pockets, deployment of security forces in affected pockets, intensifying night patrolling, raids on hide-outs of terrorists, action against middlemen etc. In Punjab, steps to provide increased security to threatened persons, protection to railways banks, buses, newspaper, offices and other vulnerable points have been taken. Special police pickets in sensitive villages have been established strength of para-military forces placed at the disposal of the State have been increased.

Sanctions against South Africa to end apartheid

*88. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to urge the international community not to relax sanctions to hasten the process of dismantling of apartheid by the South African Government;

(b) whether the Government propose to send any goodwill delegation to South Africa in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) A Statement is given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

India is one of the members of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa (CCFMSA) which met in London on February 16, 1991. At this meeting, India took a leading role in urging against any relaxation of sanctions at this juncture. India is also the Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee. At the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting of the AFRICA Fund in Kuala Lumpur in May 1991, it was decided that international pressure must continue against the apartheid regime and that additional contributions should be mobilised for the AFRICA Fund.

India has also been in the forefront in other international fora in urging the international community to maintain pressure on the Pretoria Government by way of sanctions and other measures. These measures have yielded positive results as is evident from the reforms initiated by the South African Government since last year. Most recently, in June, this year, the South African Government repealed the Group Areas Act, the Land Acts and the Population Registration Act, thus bringing to an end all apartheid legislation on South African statute books.

Centre-State relations

*89. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to restructure the Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and